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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A.)

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA: SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

AND DRAFT SCHEDULE

REF: STATE 068005

1. DCM INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ROYAL PROTOCOL MORNING MARCH 26 OF VICE PRESIDENT'S IMMINENT VISIT. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADMIN SUPPORT AND PROGRAM RE VICE PRESIDENT'S JIDDA STAY MADE AS FOLLOWS:

2. ACCOMMODATIONS: AFTER REVIEWING VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WITH HEAD OFFICE IN ROYAL DIWAN, OFFICIALS SAID SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT WISHED TO ACCOMMODATE VICE PRESIDENT AND ALL OF OTHERS ACCOMPANYING HIM (APART FROM EXCEPTIONS BELOW) IN ROYAL GUEST PALACE. GUEST PALACE IS ONE MINUTE'S DRIVE FROM EMBASSY COMPOUND. MEMBERS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESS DELEGATION WILL BE HOUSED IN AL ATTAS HOTEL (SEPTEL FOLLOWS). ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIR CREW ACCOMMODATIONS BEING MADE THROUGH DAO. (PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA OF TUNIS AND TRAORE OF MALI WILL STAY IN HOTELS).

3. TRANSPORTATION: TRANSPORTATION WILL BE AS SPECIFIED
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REFTEL. DIWAN PROVIDING CADILLAC LIMOUSINE FOR VICE

PRESIDENT AND HAS SAID THAT WHILE THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SECRET SERVICE AGENT RIDING IN FROM SEAT, DRIVER IS TO BE FROM PALACE PERSONNEL.

4. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S STOP IN JIDDA:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

2125 ARRIVAL JIDDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. TO BE MET BY VICE GOVERNOR OF MECCA PRINCE AHMED BIN ABD AL-AZIZ (THIS IS PROBABLE BUT NOT CONFIRMED). AHMED IS FULL BROTHER TO PRINCE FAHD AND HALF-BROTHER TO LATE KING FAISAL AND KING KHALID. FROM EMBASSY HE WILL BE MET BY DCM HUME HORAN.

2130 COFFEE CEREMONY; PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE PRESENT AND DIWAN WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO BRIEF ARRIVAL REMARKS (PROPOSED REMARKS FOLLOWING BY SEPTTEL).

2145 DEPART FOR GUEST PALACE.

2200 ARRIVAL AT GUEST PALACE.
SUPPER WILL BE SERVED TO THOSE WHO WISH.
MINIMUM OFFICE SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON
STANDBY BASIS AT PALACE TO SUPPLEMENT EMBASSY
FACILITIES.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

WE NOTE THAT VICE-PRESIDENT TENTATIVELY DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN ARRIVE RIYADH UNTIL 1120 TOMORROW MORNING. IT IS OUR CURRENT UNDERSTANDING THAT RECEPTION OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES WILL BEGIN AT 1000; THEREFORE VP AND PARTY PLAN ARRIVE IF POSSIBLE BY 0945

0500-0600 BREAKFAST AT GUEST PALACE FOR AIR CREW.

0600 BAGGAGE PICKUP.
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0630-0745 BREAKFAST FOR MEMBERS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

0745 MAIN PARTY DEPARTS GUEST PALACE FOR AIRPORT

0810 VICE PRESIDENT DEPARTS FOR AIRPORT

0830 DEPARTURE FROM JIDDA FOR RIYADH (THERE WILL BE

NO DEPARTURE STATEMENT).

0945 ARRIVAL AT RIYADH AIRPORT

ITINERARY FOR RIYADH PORTION OF VICE PRESIDENT'S
STAY WILL BE PROVIDED SUBSEQUENTLY.

5. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS: VISAS AND CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS
HAVE BEEN WAIBED. ALL PASSPORTS AND/OR OTHER TRAVEL
DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE READY FOR DELIVERY ON ARRIVAL TO
CONSULAR OFFICE ROSS BENSON WHO WILL BE AT PLANESIDE.

6. MEDICAL: POST HAS ADEQUATE SUPPLY SMALLPOX VACCINE AND
EMBASSY NURSE DOMBKOWSKI WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GIVE REQUIRED
INNOCULATIONS. LOCAL MILITARY HOSPITAL STAFFED BY
AMERICAN AND EUTOPEAN PHYSICIANS WILL BE ON STANDBY
DURING VISIT. AMBULANCE AND EMBASSY NURSE WILL BE
STATIONED AT GUEST PALACE. ADVISE BLOOD TYPE OF VICE
PRESIDENT AND ANY ALLERGIES.

7. ESCORT OFFICERS:

A. ATHERTON/DICKMAN: EUGENE H. BIRD
B. HOWE/WILLIAMS: DAO LTC STEVEN TALLEY
C. CHENEY/JONES: EDWARD B. POHL
D. MORROW: ROVERT R. RUGGIERO
E. CANZERI: NICHOLAS M. MURPHY
F. SECRET SERVICE: MSG NCOIC SGT. JAMES E. LARSON
G. WHCA: JEFFREY PEACOCK
H. PRESS: JAMES E. SMITH, ASST. PAO

8. CONTROL OFFICER: DCM HORAN

9. SPECIAL CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS: MINI-SKIRTS, SLEEVELESS DRESSES
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FOR LADIES ARE TABOO. PANTS SUITS FROWNED UPON BUT
ACCEPTED. WEATHER FORECAST JIDDA WARM--80 DEGRESS F--
AND HUMID.

10. ELECTRIC CURRENT 110 VOLT 60 HZ RPT 60 HZ.

11. WATER NOT RPT NOT POTABLE.

12. SPECIAL NOTE: SAUDI ARABIA STRICTLY ENFORCES PROHIBITON
AGAINST IMPORTATION AND USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES,
ALL TRAVELLERS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT NO RPT NO
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE TAKEN OFF AIRCRAFT.

13. EMBASSY WILL REQUIRE SPACE FOR LAST MINUTE LATERAL MOVEMENT
JIDDA/RIYADH TO ASSIST WITH VISIT. CAN YOU ACCOMODATE ON

AIRCRAFT, AND IF SO, HOW MANY SEATS.

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